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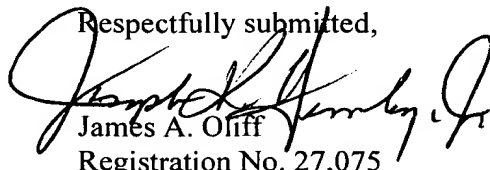
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- ☒ 2. Relevance of Japanese Patent Application No. 08287424 is discussed in the present specification and an English-language Abstract is attached hereto.
- ☒ 3. The references were cited by or submitted to the Office in parent application No. 09/391,232, filed September 7, 1999, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Thus, copies of these references are not attached. 37 CFR §1.98(d).

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